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Date: OCTOBER 22, 1975

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TO: DENVER *11:35A LPE*
 MINNEAPOLIS *11:30A DSC*
 FROM: BUTTE (70-New) (P)

*11:39-39
11:39-10P
11:39-50S*

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]
 RUSSELL MEANS, AKA [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

CIR - BURGLARY. OO BUTTE.

ON [REDACTED] INDIAN TURQUOISE JEWELRY CONSISTING
 OF RINGS, BRACELETS AND PINS, VALUE APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND
 DOLLARS, TAKEN IN BURGLARY, SUN LODGE MOTEL, CROW AGENCY, MONT.
 JEWELRY IDENTIFIED BY INITIALS G.J. OR T.J.

HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] AND RUSSELL MEANS
 WERE AT SUN LODGE MOTEL WITH FRENCH FILMING CREW IN PROCESS OF
 FILMING DOCUMENTARY.

ALL SUBS. OBSERVED LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BILLINGS,
 MONT., WITH ABUNDANCE INDIAN JEWELRY.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO GET LARGE
 PIECES OF LUGGAGE ONTO JET WITHOUT HAVING IT SEARCHED. AS
 AIRPORT SECURITY SEARCHED LUGGAGE, SEVERAL PIECES OF STOLEN
 JEWELRY OBSERVED. [REDACTED] ARRESTED AND ADVISED HE
 KNEW JEWELRY WAS IN LUGGAGE, BUT DENIES KNOWING WHERE IT CAME

(1) *limv*

Approved: *SUB/W*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent *above*

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FROM. ALSO STATED HE WAS WITH MEANS MOST OF THE NIGHT AND
EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 21, 1975.

TIME DID NOT PERMIT QUESTIONING OF OTHER SUBJECTS.

AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ADVISED THAT MEANS AND [REDACTED] TO ARRIVE
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, OCTOBER 22, 1975, ELEVEN THIRTY-FIVE
A.M., FLIGHT 692. WAL

[REDACTED] TO ARRIVE DENVER OCTOBER 21, 1975;
LISTED ADDRESS AS [REDACTED] BOULDER, COLORADO.

AUSA [REDACTED] BILLINGS, MONT., TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED USA, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, OF FACTS.

DENVER AT BOULDER, COLORADO, WILL CONTACT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW RE KNOWLEDGE OF THEFT AND POSSIBLE POSSESSION
OF STOLEN JEWELRY.

MINNEAPOLIS AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, OBTAIN SEARCH
WARRANT FOR MEANS AND [REDACTED] LUGGAGE AND EXECUTE AS THEY
DEPLANE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING BURGLARY.
END.

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

(Title)

(File No.)

70-9372

Date Filed		Disposition
10/29/75	1. advice of rights for [redacted]	
"	2. arrest and interview log for [redacted]	
"	3. list of stolen jewelry	b6
"	4. interview log for [redacted]	b7C
"	5. receipt of property of [redacted]	
"	6. advice of rights for [redacted]	
11/10/75	7. 1 photo of [redacted]	
11/13/75	8. receipt for returning valuables belonging to [redacted]	
11/23/75	9. 14 color photos of jewelry taken in burglary of Sun Lodge Motel, Crow Agency, Mt., 10/21/75	6 en DN + mp 11/15/75
"	10. 4 photos of [redacted]	1 en DN + mp 11/25/75
11/28/75	11. receipt for evidence	
1/14/76	12. 2 cc of receipt of items returned to Sun Lodge Motel Crow Agency, Montana	
1/29/76	13. 3 color slides of luggage in possession of [redacted]	
[REDACTED]		
01/05/79	14. One Photo of [redacted]	
01/05/79	15. 6 Photos of Jewelry	
01/05/79	16. FD-395 and Interview Log	

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sioux Falls S.D.SA

To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

☒

No

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No

Description:

*Advise of Rights
Form.*

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Bethesda Mont.
Date [redacted]
Time 3:15 pm

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

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Witness: [redacted]

Witness: [redacted]

Time: 3:17 pm

[redacted]
Special Agent FBA [redacted]

SA, FBI Bellup

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sioux Falls S.D.SA [REDACTED]To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ No

Receipt Given

☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

arrest & Interview
log.

place Logan International airport
Billings mont,

Date

Interview log.

by SA

and SA

of.

Time 3:12 pm

identities of agents, and then Reason for Interview.

3:13 pm

under arrest by SA and advised of his Rights.

3:17 pm

Read Form Silently and Revealed that he understood his Rights and signed the Rights & waiver Form.

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3:20 pm

transported to FBI office Billings

3:35 pm

arrived at FBI office.

3:36 pm

advised that he did not want to answer any more questions, Interview terminated.

3:37 pm

taken to the Yellowstone County Jail.

3:39 pm

arrived at Jail and

was placed in custody of Yellowstone County Jail.

SA

Billings mont,

SA, FBI, Billings Mt

File No. 70-9372-1A3Date From

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Crow Agency, Montana

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes Receipt Given ☐ Yes☒ No☒ No

Description:

1 list of stolen jewelry

ITEM Gift Shop INVENTORYSIZE Torquise COST _____ LOCATION _____

WHEN STOCK REACHES _____ REORDER _____ QUANTITY _____

ORDER FROM _____

DELIVERY TAKES _____ DAYS 8-27-75

		COST	Quantity Received	Quantity Issued	ISSUED TO	BAL.
	1		40.00	1	PIN	
	2		76.00	1	Belt Buckle	
	3		130.00	1	Bracelet	
R-4	4		120.00	1	BRACELET	
R-5	5		90.00	1	Bracelet	
R-6	6		90.00	1	Bracelet	
R-7	7		40.00	1	Bracelet	
R-8	8		75.00	1	Ring - miss	
R-9	9		35.00	1	Ring - middle	
R-10	10		35.00	1	" 3 pc's of 1	
R-11	11		35.00	1	" long w/ in middle	
R-12	12		35.00	1	Ring 1 pc. T	
R-13	13		30.00	1	Ring 5 sm.	
R-14	14		30.00	1	" 1 sm.	
R-15	15		30.00	1	" 2 sm.	
R-16	16		30.00	1	" 3 sm.	
R-17	17		30.00	1	" 5 sm.	
R-18	18		30.00	1	" 1 sm.	
R-19	19		30.00	1	" 2 sm.	
R-20	20		30.00	1	" 3 sm.	
R-21	21		30.00	1	" 5 sm.	
R-22	22		30.00	1	" 3 sm.	
R-23	23		30.00	1	" 2 sm.	
R-24	24		30.00	1	" 2 sm.	

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Date Received

10/23/75

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Sun lodge motel

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Crow Agency Montana

SA

To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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No

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No

Description:

Interview Log,

Place Billings, Montana

Date 10/23/75

Interview by

by SA

+ SA

af.

Time 9:10 am Identity of agents + Reason
for interview - advise of Rights Form Given.
9:15 am Signed advise of
Rights Form. Interview began.
9:52 am Interview completed and
terminated.

SA

FBI

Billings Montana.
10/23/75.

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Attorney
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)R.O.V. - N/ATo Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ No

Receipt Given

☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

1 receipt of
property of

Wild Rice bag $\frac{1}{2}$ lb containing undetermined
amount of ~~beef~~ ~~chicken~~ turn over
to [redacted]

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[redacted]
Att'y. to defendant

Witnessed SA [redacted]

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Crow Agency MontanaSA

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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No

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No

Description:

Advice of Rights
Form

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Bellhop's
 Date 10/23/75.
 Time 9:10 am

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

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Witness:

Witness:

Time:

[Redacted Signature Box] [Redacted Signature Box]
 Special Agent in Charge Bellhop
 Special Agent FBI, Battle, Mont.
9:15 am.

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File No. 90-9372-1A7Date Received 11-10-75From MP
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☐ No

Receipt Given

☐ Yes☐ No

Description :

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OF POLICE
ST. PAUL MINN.



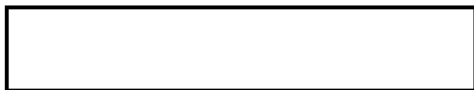
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ST. PAUL MINN.



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File No. 70-9372-1A8

Date Received 10/20/76

From

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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No

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No

Description:

Receipt for returning
valuables belonging
to

Received from [redacted] Special Agent,
FBI, Billings, Montana: (Oct 28, 1975)

1- cloth travel bag, army green,
with green tags (DEN) & baggage identification.
[redacted], Soint Falls, S D.

inside

- 1 red blanket
- 1 black shaving case with mirror
shaver inside
- 1 black wallet
- 1 pair white underwear
- 1 marine T-shirt
- 1 red bandanna
- 1 pair maroon slacks
- 1 pair Levi jacket
- 1 battle driven pants
- 1 red pull over shirt
- 3 pocket book
- 1 pull over shirt
- 1 green knit shirt
- 1 white face towel
- 1 blue knit shirt
- 1 black, white gold, shirt
- 1 blue wind [redacted]

[redacted]

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Mr. 

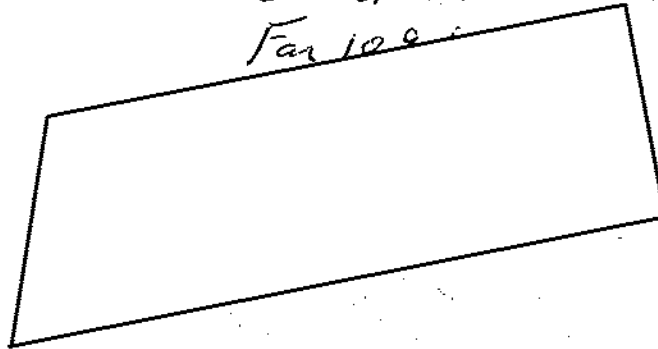
(Oct 28, 1975)

Western Ticket 0174010181968
from Sioux Falls
from Mpls St Paul
to Sioux Falls SD
issued 10/13/75

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North West Orient From Mpls SP
to Wash DC 10/13/75
issued 0124010101
For 100



1- 33- 34 Levi jeans

1- unknown size jeans

Taken Remained in RA

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Date Received _____

From _____

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)



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To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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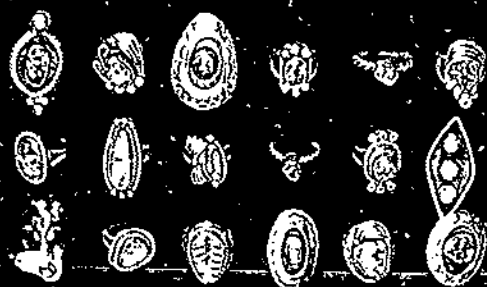
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Description:

14 color photos of Burglary
Jewelry taken in theft of
of Sun Lodge Motel,
Chow Agency, Nt
10/21/75

6-MP } 11/25/75
6-DN }



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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Belt: M4
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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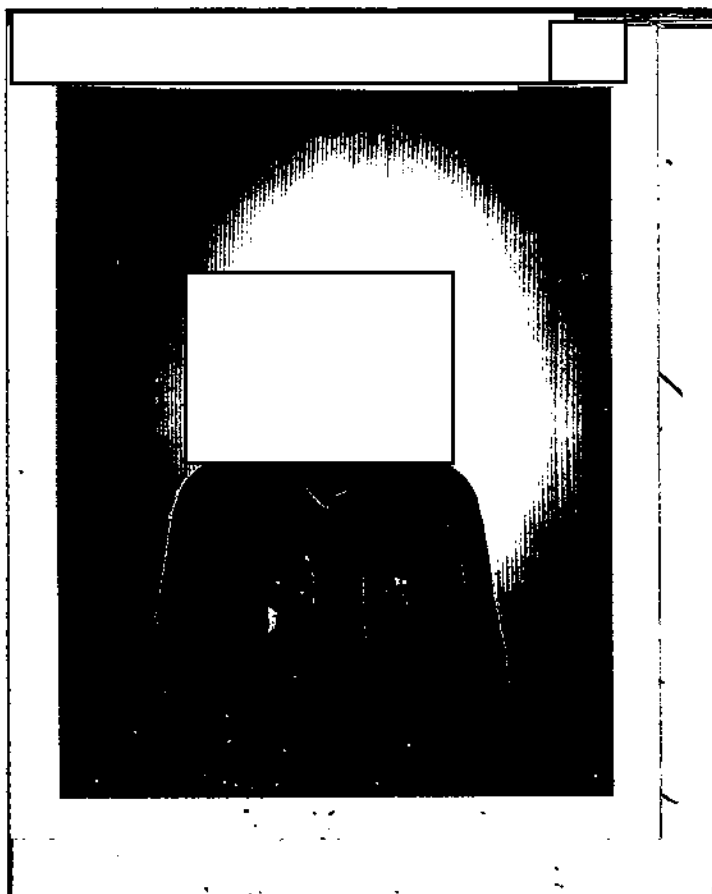
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Description:

4 photo
of

1 ea DN + MP 11/25/75



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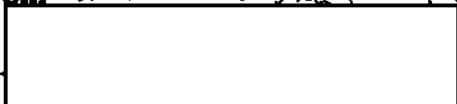
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From U.S. Marshal (Deputy)



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To Be Returned ☐ **Yes** **Receipt Given** ☐ **Yes**

☒ **No**

☒ **No**

Description:

1 receipt for evidence

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

DISTRICT OF MONTANA

EVIDENCE CONTROL

(Address)
 SA FBI Billings Montana
 CASE NO. 70-9372-1b1
 CASE TITLE & TYPE VIOLATION CIR - Burglary USA Vs.
 SUBJECT (Name, address and identification data)

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I certify that I have received and held myself accountable for the articles listed above:				
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CDUSM [REDACTED]		U.S. Marshal		11/26/75
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY					
ITEM NO.	EVIDENCE	RELINQUISHED BY	RECEIVED BY	PURPOSE	
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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Crow Agency, Montana

(E)

(AGENT)

To Be Returned

☐

Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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No

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No

Description:

2 Copies of receipt
of items returned to
Sun Lodge Motel,
Crow Agency, Montana

Received from Special Agent [redacted]
the following items:

- (1) One bracelet, silver & turquoise
with design on the silver band; initials
TJ on inside of bracelet.
- (2) One silver turquoise belt buckle
with initials G-J
- (3) One beaded medallion
- (4) One shoker; white with 2 Indian
head nickels dated 1934

Signed
date

[redacted]
for Sun Lodge
January 8, 1976

FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

File No. 70-9372-1A13

Date Received 10/28/75

From _____

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

[Redacted Box]

(CITY AND STATE)

(TITLE OF CONTRIBUTOR)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

3 Colored slides
of luggage in possession
of [Redacted Box]

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BOYLE

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

Mend

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

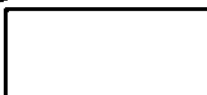
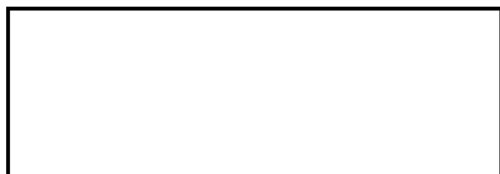
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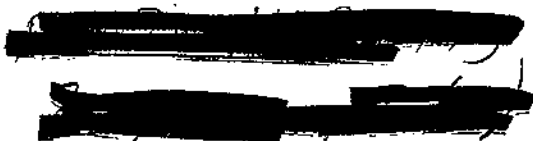
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Date Received

11-25-75

From

BOTTÉ

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

Mail

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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No

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No

Description:

Photos of
Jewelry



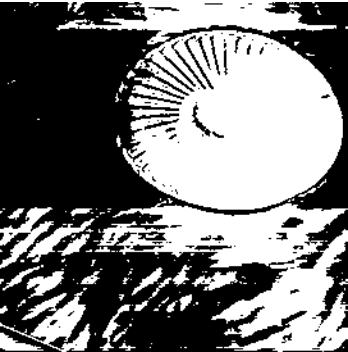
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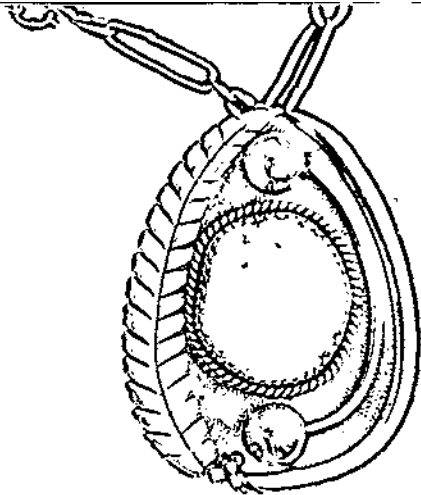
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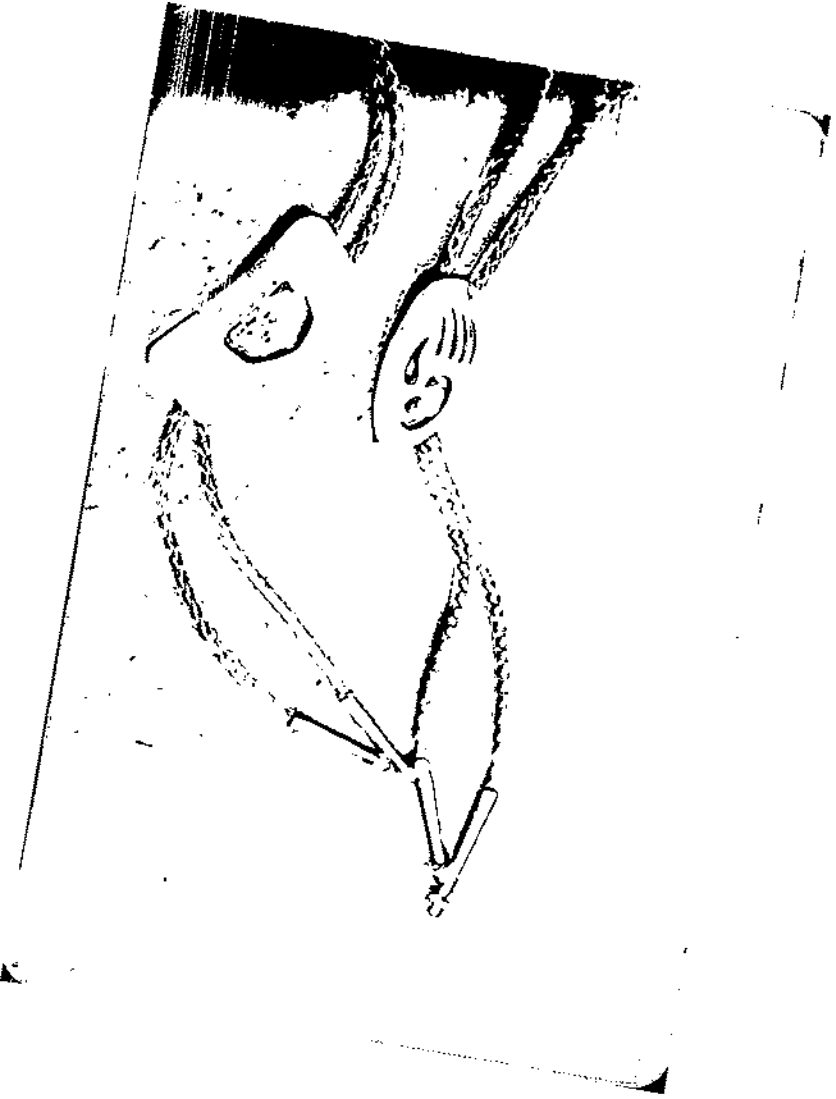
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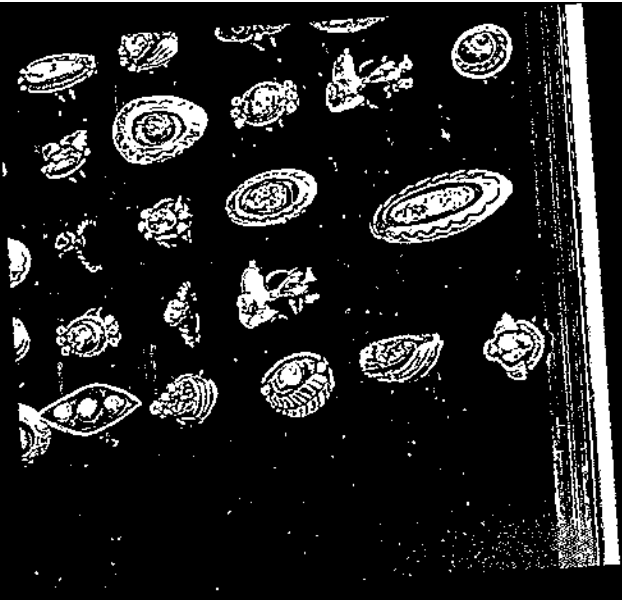
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Date Received 10-23-75

From

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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To Be Returned

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Yes

Receipt Given

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Yes

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No

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No

Description:

FD 395 - P

Interview log.

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INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Boulder, Colo.
Date 10-23-75
Time 4:35 pm

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Witness:

Witness:

Time:

4:37 pm

SA, FBI, Boulder, Colo.

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Date 11/4/75

Title and Character of Case

[redacted] aka;

RUSSELL MEANS, aka;

[redacted] aka;

[redacted]

CTR - BURGLARY

Date Property Acquired

10/22/75 and
10/21/75

Source From Which Property Acquired

Luggage of [redacted] and on his person

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

U.S. Marshal Service
Billings, Montana
Billings RA Safe

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidentiary

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same SA [redacted]

Two pair Levi jeans, one size 33-34, other pair unknown size,
blue in color;

One bracelet, silver and turquoise with design on the silver
band containing initials TJ on inside of bracelet;

One brown polished stone;

One imitation turquoise polished stone;

One silver turquoise belt buckle with initials GJ on back side;

One beaded medallion, white, green, and brown in color
containing three sea shells at end of medallion;

One choker white with brass balls and tongs with two Indian
head nickels dated 1934

[redacted]
~~One green, metal scotch tape holder;~~

[redacted] ~~small pieces of clear glass, taken from show case.~~

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Returned to owner 1/8/76 see receipt

Field File # 70-9372-181

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Date

11/18/75

Title and Character of Case

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RUSSELL MEANS

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Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

10/21/75

Crime scene investigation

10/30/75

BIA, Lame Deer, Montana

Location of Property or Bulky

Disposition of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Billings, RA

evidence

NOTE BULKY

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

One green, metal scotch holder;

Three small pieces of clear glass, taken from show case, Sun Lodge Motel, Crow Agency, Montana

See Serial 46

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Bo Bw 11/19/75

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Field File #

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Butte, Montana, 59701
October 22, 1975

PRESS ~~RELEASE~~ *INQUIRY*

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, MONTANA-
IDAHO DIVISION, FBI, MADE KNOWN TODAY THE ARREST BY FBI

AGENTS OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE 38, ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON A CHARGE OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO IS SINGLE AND UNEMPLOYED,
WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT AT LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
BILLINGS, MONTANA, AFTER JEWELRY, WHICH WAS STOLEN FROM THE
SUN LODGE MOTEL, CROW AGENCY, MONTANA, WAS FOUND IN HIS
POSSESSION.

ON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WAS TAKEN
BEFORE U. S. MAGISTRATE G. TODD BAUGH AND CHARGED WITH VIOLATION
OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY, UPON CONVICTION, IS
NOT TO EXCEED TEN YEARS.

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- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Supervisor *9322*
- ① - 70-[REDACTED]
- 1 - 80-382
- 1 - Night Clerks

[REDACTED] imw

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Date: OCTOBER 22, 1975

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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(Priority)

TO DENVER *959p RDE*
 MINNEAPOLIS - *5:30pm - MRS*
 FROM BUTTE (70-9372) (P)

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]
 RUSSELL MEANS, AKA [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] CIR - BURGLARY. OO: BUTTE.

RE BUTTE TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS, OCTOBER 22, 1975.

[REDACTED] SECURITY OFFICER, FAA, BILLINGS, MONTANA,
 TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED WESTERN AIRLINES RECORDS SHOW MEANS
 AND [REDACTED] DID NOT BOARD ANY FLIGHTS FROM DENVER THIS DATE.
 [REDACTED] RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SERGEANT [REDACTED] INTELLI-
 GENCE DIVISION, DENVER PD (TELEPHONE #303-297-2086), ADVISING
 THAT HE WAS PRESENTLY AWARE OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF RUSSELL
 MEANS.

DENVER, AT DENVER, COLORADO. CONTACT SERGEANT
 [REDACTED] DETERMINE RUSSELL MEANS' WHEREABOUTS, AND INTERVIEW
 REGARDING CAPTIONED THEFT.

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[redacted] Also contact sources to obtain information in regards to the SUN LODGE theft and the whereabouts of stolen jewelry.

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AT BOULDER, COLORADO

Attempt to locate [redacted] at [redacted] and interview regarding theft.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

RUSSELL MEANS was to appear in court at Sioux Falls, October 23, 1975. Will determine if MEANS appeared and also determine the whereabouts of MEANS and [redacted] and through sources attempt to recover stolen jewelry.

WYOMING DIVISION

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

Will follow prosecutive action of [redacted] [redacted] Also will contact sources for additional information regarding burglary.

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[redacted] SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana, was contacted and supplied the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was in the SUN LODGE MOTEL until approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 21, 1975, awaiting the departure of several members of a committee that had been using the lodge for their meetings.

He further stated that he did not personally check the door located on the south end of the motel and assumed that the employee, [redacted] who had left at approximately 2:30 p.m. on October 20, 1975, had secured the door with a two inch by four inch board.

[redacted] advised that the burglary was first discovered by Mrs. [redacted] at approximately 3:35 a.m. when she reported to work at the SUN LODGE MOTEL. Mrs. [redacted] then immediately advised [redacted] of the theft of jewelry taken from a display case in the main lobby of the motel.

[redacted] then supplied a list of the missing jewelry as follows:

R-1	\$40.00	One turquoise pin
R-2	70.00	One turquoise belt buckle
R-3	130.00	One turquoise bracelet
R-4	120.00	One turquoise bracelet
R-5	90.00	One turquoise bracelet
R-6	90.00	One turquoise bracelet

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by SA [redacted] /dnl Date dictated 10/23/75

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R-7	\$90.00	One turquoise bracelet
R-8	75.00	One ring mess
R-10	35.00	One ring three pieces of turquoise
R-11	35.00	One ring, long ring
R-13	30.00	One ring, small
R-14	30.00	One ring, small
R-16	30.00	One ring, small
R-17	30.00	One ring, small
R-18	30.00	One ring, small
R-20	30.00	One small ring
R-21	30.00	One small ring
R-22	30.00	One small ring
R-23	30.00	One large ring
R-24	30.00	One large ring
	30.00	One beaded medallion
	17.50	Two chokers, \$17.50 each

[] advised that all the items taken in the theft other than the medallion and chokers contained turquoise or coral and could be identified by the initials either "GJ" or "TJ".

[] also advised that the motel had rented four rooms out in the motel on October 20, 1975, to a French movie crew filming a documentary at the Custer Battle Field.

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Among the French crew was a male Indian [redacted] identified as RUSSELL MEANS.

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[redacted] advised that he had seen MEANS on several occasions in person and has no doubt that the Indian was RUSSELL MEANS.

MEANS was accompanied by another unknown male Indian.

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[] was contacted at the coffee shop of the SUN LODGE MOTEL and supplied the following information:

[] advised that he is [] of a French filming crew that is travelling around the Indian reservations in the northern part of the United States filming documentaries to be shown back in France.

[] advised that he and his staff arrived at Crow Agency, Montana, on October 20, 1975, after a long drive from the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area.

[] advised that he and his staff retired early and that he could supply no information in regards to the theft at the motel.

[] was asked by this Agent how many individuals were in his crew, and he stated three other men and one blonde woman.

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[] Ranger, was contacted and supplied the following information:

[] stated that a French film crew had been at the Custer Battle Field along with RUSSELL MEANS and another male Indian who identified himself as []

[] described [] as being approximately 6' tall, over 200#.

[] continued that the film crew had come to the Custer Battle Field to film a documentary to be shown in France and that RUSSELL MEANS was narrating and directing the filming.

MEANS had indicated that after their filming on October 20, 1975, that he was returning to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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AT CUSTER BATTLE FIELD, MONTANA

At approximately 11:30 a.m. on October 21, 1975, SA [] received a telephone call from SA [] who advised that SA [] and SA MERRILL F. REESE had returned from Logan International Airport as their airplane flight had been cancelled.

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SA [] continued that while at the airport SA [] and SA REESE observed RUSSELL MEANS and three other male Indians in the process of obtaining tickets on WESTERN AIRLINES.

SA [] had observed one of the unknown Indians, the largest, with a turquoise and silver belt buckle and bracelet.

The unknown male Indian was holding the jewelry in his hand.

SA [] advised that the silver was somewhat shiny and may have come from the theft at the SUN LODGE MOTEL at Crow Agency, Montana.

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At Logan International Airport, four Indian males were observed at the AVIS RENT-A-CAR counter which were pointed out to this Agent by [redacted] as being the four Indians, three of which had obtained tickets under three French names.

[redacted] name was listed with AVIS-RENT-A-CAR with an address of [redacted] Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, 80302, as being the person that rented an AVIS RENT-A-CAR for three male Indians, one of which was later identified as RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] rented a 1975 yellow Pontiac, Montana license #8-333, and drove from Logan International Airport to the parking lot directly behind the NORTHERN HOTEL on 28th Avenue North and Montana Avenue. The four Indian males proceeded through the NORTHERN HOTEL and registered for three separate rooms under the following names: [redacted] and [redacted]

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At approximately 2:20 p.m. at the parking lot immediately behind the NORTHERN HOTEL on 28th Avenue North and Montana Avenue, two Indian males got into the yellow 1975 Pontiac, Montana license #8-333, with a small dark blue bag and a gray old U. S. Air Force type flight bag. These two male Indians proceeded to Logan International Airport and met RUSSELL MEANS and one other Indian male.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
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AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

On October 21, 1975, U. S. Attorney KEITH L. BURROWES was presented with the facts of this case, and he revealed that if jewelry was found in luggage that was searched by the security personnel at Logan International Airport, his authorization was given to arrest the owner of that luggage, under [redacted]
[redacted]

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RUSSELL MEANS and four unknown male Indians were observed at the Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana, near gate #3 where they were attempting to board NORTHWEST AIRLINES flight to Denver, Colorado.

MEANS and one of the male Indians entered the security area with no carry-on luggage.

A short time later the two remaining unknown Indians, later identified as [redacted] and [redacted], attempted to gain entry to the boarding area each carrying one piece of luggage.

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They both became rather nervous when the security people advised them that the luggage had to be searched.

The two then placed their luggage outside the security area, and as [redacted] sat watch by the luggage, [redacted] returned to the WESTERN AIRLINES ticket booth.

An announcement was made on the public address system for the last call for boarding for the flight to Denver.

RUSSELL MEANS and the male Indian later identified as [redacted] left the boarding area to obtain seats on the flight to Denver.

[redacted] and [redacted] remained behind watching their luggage.

As the security men for WESTERN AIRLINES picked up the luggage that had been carried by [redacted] and [redacted] to search, [redacted] left and boarded the plane.

Interviewed on [redacted] at Billings, Montana File # BT #70-9372

by SA [redacted] /dpl Date dictated 10/28/75

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[redacted] was followed on to the plane by this Agent and approached to determine his knowledge of the burglary at the SUN LODGE MOTEL.

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[redacted] identified himself as [redacted] and that he knew nothing of the theft at SUN LODGE MOTEL at Crow Agency, Montana.

[redacted] had on his person a large turquoise ring and bracelet which he voluntarily showed this Agent.

[redacted] advised he had not been down on the Crow Agency and that he had been in the Billings, Montana, area the last several days.

Upon returning to the security check point for WESTERN AIRLINES, [redacted] was observed removing a silver belt buckle and bracelet from a brown khaki color luggage which he had been in possession of earlier.

[redacted] advised that he knew the jewelry was in the luggage, however, did not know where the jewelry came from; however, he stated that he thought it was probably stolen. [redacted] was then placed under arrest by SA [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Pursuant to [redacted] he, [redacted] was immediately transported by Bureau car from the Logan International Airport to the Billings Resident Agency.

Already having been advised of his rights by SA [redacted] [redacted] was questioned concerning the silver and turquoise jewelry he had in his possession.

[redacted] advised he had nothing to say at this time.

However, [redacted] advised that his true name was [redacted] and that he was from Nebraska.

The following is a description of [redacted] taken from observation and questioning:

Name	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6' 3"
Weight	245#
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scar	[redacted]

Inasmuch as [redacted] would not discuss the burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL, he was then taken to the Yellowstone County Jail where he was booked and placed in custody of the U. S. Marshal's Office.

Interviewed on [redacted] at Billings, Montana File # BT #70-9372
by SA [redacted] and [redacted] dpl Date dictated 10/23/75

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AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

On [REDACTED]
appeared before U. S. Magistrate G. TODD BAUGH, Billings,
Montana, and advised of the charges being filed against
him; violation of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Mr. BAUGH set bond at \$5,000.00 and continued
the preliminary hearing until October 23, 1975, at 2:00
p.m. Subject remanded to custody of U. S. Marshal,
Yellowstone County Jail, Billings, Montana, in lieu of
\$5,000.00 bond.

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Date: OCTOBER 23, 1975

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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(Priority)

TO:

DENVER

8:03/pm - E.N.H.

MINNEAPOLIS

7:24/pm - AGL

FROM:

BUTTE (70-9372) (P)

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RUSSELL MEANS, AKA

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CIR - BURGLARY.

OO: BUTTE.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO BUTTE, OCTOBER 23, 1975; AND
MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUTTE, OCTOBER 23, 1975.

JEWELRY TAKEN IN BURGLARY OF SUN LODGE MOTEL, CROW
AGENCY, MONTANA, IS AS FOLLOWS: ONE PIN, FOUR BRACELETS,
TWO CORAL AND TURQUOISE RINGS, ONE THREE PIECE TURQUOISE
RING, EIGHT SMALL TURQUOISE RINGS, TWO LARGE TURQUOISE
RINGS. ALL JEWELRY MADE OF SILVER AND HAD PRICE TAGS
MARKED WITH LETTER "R", A NUMBER AND THE PRICE. TURQUOISE
NOT HIGH QUALITY AND LARGER PIECES WERE SHINY WITH INITIALS
"GJ" OR "TJ". WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN ADDITIONAL IDENTI-
FYING INFORMATION.

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Approved: JWR/w

Special Agent in Charge

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639PM NITEL OCTOBER 28, 1975 AGL

TO BUTTE 70-9372

DENVER

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-10592 (P)

[REDACTED] AKA, [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] RUSSELL

MEANS, AKA [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

AKA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIR - BURGLARY, OO: BUTTE.

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RE BUTTE NITEL TO DENVER AND MINNEAPOLIS, OCTOBER 23, 1975, AND
DENVER TELETYPE TO BUTTE AND MINNEAPOLIS, OCTOBER 23, 1975.

ON OCTOBER 28, 1975, [REDACTED] OF ELMEN RENTAL, SIOUX
FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT THEIR DODGE VAN, SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSE

ELT 648, WHICH WAS RENTED OCTOBER 14, 1975, BY [REDACTED] IS DUE TO BE
RETURNED OCTOBER 28, 1975, BUT HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED AS YET. WHEN
VAN WAS RENTED, [REDACTED] A FRENCHMAN, ADVISED VAN WOULD BE TAKEN TO
PLACE UNKNOWN, MONTANA, AND THEN RETURNED TO SIOUX FALLS. [REDACTED] ADVISED

HE WOULD NOTIFY FBI SIOUX FALLS, WHEN VAN IS RETURNED AND WOULD SECURE
VAN FOR FBI SEARCH AFTER HIS RETURN.

ON OCTOBER 28, 1975, [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED THROUGH
NORMAL COURSE OF BUREAU BUSINESS AND AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW
HIM CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER; HOWEVER, HE DECLINED TO SUBMIT TO

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INTERVIEW. IN VIEW OF RUSSELL MEANS' PENDING TRIAL IN LOCAL COURT IN SIOUX FALLS, AND THE FACT THAT HE HAD STATED THAT HE WILL NOT SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW BY THE FBI WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY, MEANS IS NOT BEING INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME.

MINNEAPOLIS, AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL CONDUCT SEARCH OF DODGE VAN FOR ANY EVIDENCE OF CAPTIONED BURGLARY WHEN VAN IS RETURNED TO ELMEN RENTAL.

END.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

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BILLINGS DIVISION

JOHN E. PEDERSON, CLERK
By John E. Pederson
~~Deputy~~ Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) Plaintiff,) CR-75-90-BLG
) vs.) 18 U.S.C. Section 662
ROBERT DEER COMES RUNNING,) (3 years and/or \$1,000)
) Defendant.)
) -----

I N D I C T M E N T

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

That on or about the 21st day of October, 1975, near Crow Agency, in the State and District of Montana, and within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation, being Indian country, ROBERT DEER COMES RUNNING, unlawfully did receive from a person unknown, various pieces of turquoise and silver jewelry, goods which had been feloniously taken and stolen from the Sun Lodge Motel, near Crow Agency, Montana, of a value in excess of \$100.00, ROBERT DEER COMES RUNNING then well knowing said goods to have been taken and stolen, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 662.

A TRUE BILL.

STANLEY W. HEDRICK
Foreman

Keith L. Burrowes

KEITH L. BURROWES
United States Attorney for the
District of Montana

Don Simmons _____
Warrant _____
Sub: _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/6/75

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[redacted] was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents, [redacted] and [redacted] of the FBI. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that Agents desired to talk to him concerning a burglary of Indian jewelry at Crow Agency, Montana. SA [redacted] provided [redacted] with form "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". [redacted] studied the form and advised that he read the form and understood his rights and was willing to talk to Agents at this time without the presence of an attorney.

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[redacted] advised that on Sunday night, October 19, 1975, he had stayed at the Sun Lodge Motel, Crow Agency, Montana, and had been there with a partner of his associated with the Native American Indian Rights group at Boulder, Colorado. He did not advise the purpose of his being there, but indicated it had nothing to do with RUSSELL MEANS or any of his associates. He advised that he returned to Denver, Colorado, on Tuesday afternoon, October 21, 1975, via Western Airlines flight departing Billings, Montana, at 3:20 p.m.

He advised that he does know RUSSELL MEANS and that MEANS returned on the flight to Denver with him and that they sat together. He advised that he was unfamiliar with individuals known by the names of [redacted] [redacted] also known as [redacted] or [redacted]. He further indicated he was not familiar with any incident involving the burglary at Crow Agency at the Sun Lodge Motel, or had he participated in any such burglary. He advised that he was not in possession of any Indian jewelry, nor was he aware that RUSSELL MEANS had any Indian jewelry.

He advised that he was not aware of any incident at the airport concerning an arrest of any Indian male in possession of stolen Indian jewelry. He provided no further information of value.

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Interviewed on 10/23/75 at Boulder, Colorado File # Denver 70-4534by SA [redacted] CW Date dictated 10/30/75

DN 70-4534

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Colorado Driver's	[REDACTED]
License	[REDACTED]
Residence	[REDACTED] Avenue Boulder, Colorado
Wife	[REDACTED]
Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
Employment	Attorney, Native American Rights, 1506 Broadway. Boulder, Colorado, telephone number 447-8760.

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Date: 11/6/75

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, BUTTE (70-9372)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (70-4534) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka;
 [REDACTED] aka;
 [REDACTED]
 CIR - BURGLARY
 (OO: Butte)

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Re Butte report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/28/75.

Enclosed for Butte are nine copies each of
FD-302 interviews with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On 10/22/75, [REDACTED] Records Clerk,
 Boulder Police Department, Boulder, Colorado, advised
 she could locate no arrest record for [REDACTED]
 however was able to come up with a record of an accident
 involving [REDACTED] showing an address of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Avenue, Boulder, Colorado.

On 10/22/75, [REDACTED] Records Clerk,
 Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder, Colorado,
 advised she could locate no arrest record for [REDACTED]

Attempts were made on 10/22/75, to locate and
 interview [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED]
 Avenue, however, his wife [REDACTED] advised that
 he was attending a bachelor party and would not be
 returning until late in the evening. His present where-
 abouts were unknown.

On 10/30/75, [REDACTED] Detective
 Intelligence Division [REDACTED] Colorado, advised that
 he had been in touch with [REDACTED] who had

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 Special Agent in Charge

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previously advised that RUSSELL MEANS had given [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] had
advised that there were [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] MEANS [redacted]
[redacted]

Detective [redacted] however, advised that he
was going to ask [redacted] so that
it could be examined, or what other arrangements could
be made so that some of the party could examine the
[redacted]

LEADS:

THE DENVER DIVISION

At Denver, Colorado:

Will maintain contact with Detective [redacted]
regarding identification of [redacted] presently
in the possession of [redacted] and to attempt to
locate and interview [redacted] of RUSSELL
MEANS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUTTE (70-9372)

DATE: 11/6/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10592) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka

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RUSSELL MEANS, aka

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CIR - BURGLARY
OC: BUTTE

Re Butte report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/28/75.

Enclosed for Butte is one photograph of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] For information Butte, on 10/17/75 and
10/28/75, SA [REDACTED] Sioux Falls, South Dakota,
Resident Agent, observed [REDACTED] and noted that his [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and he wears a [REDACTED]

Minneapolis is office of origin in 157-3259,
extremist matter in AIM, regarding [REDACTED] and
would like to know if [REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

LEAD:

BUTTE

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

Arresting Agents will view photograph enclosed
herewith and determine if it is identical with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 10/29/75

[redacted] temporary address SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana, and a permanent address of [redacted] was interviewed. At the outset of the interview, she was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] and SA RICHARD H. PICKEN, both Special Agents of the FBI. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he wanted to talk to her about the burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL of which she was a resident at the time of burglary.

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[redacted] was then given an advice of rights form and asked to read it out loud. After [redacted] read the form, she indicated that she understood her rights and executed the form as shown on the executed advice of rights and waiver form. [redacted] then revealed that at approximately 7:00 a.m. on October 21, 1975, [redacted] awoke her at the SUN LODGE MOTEL, and she then drove [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) to Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana.

[redacted] stated that this trip to the airport was prearranged and was not connected to the burglary at the SUN LODGE MOTEL. [redacted] then revealed that she was the [redacted] of a French Government movie crew that was producing a movie on the history of Indian suppression in the United States. [redacted] then revealed that RUSSELL MEANS was the commentator of the movie, and [redacted] was just along with RUSSELL MEANS as a helper. [redacted] then stated that one other Indian was along with MEANS, and his name was [redacted] (Last Name Unknown).

[redacted] then revealed that upon arrival at Logan International Airport, she purchased three tickets using three French names for RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). [redacted] then stated that she used her own name and two other French names to buy the tickets. [redacted] then stated that this was not unusual

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by SA RICHARD H. PICKEN and
SA [redacted] [redacted] /dpl Date dictated 10/23/75

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in any way and that she did it all the time, and would not comment further.

[] then revealed that she did not know anything about the burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL until after she returned to the lodge.

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[] then asked where the Indian jewelry was that was found on [] [] was told by SA [] that it was in his possession and nothing more.

[] then revealed the identities of the French camera crew which were in America making this movie:

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- 5.

[] then revealed that she was very sympathetic with RUSSELL MEANS' political activities and believed that someone planted the jewelry on []

[] then stood up from the chair she was sitting in and started to leave; before exiting the door she asked, "Where in [] suitcase was the jewelry found." SA [] then asked [] who told her that the jewelry was in a suitcase. [] replied that [] called her at the SUN LODGE and told her it was in [] suitcase. [] was then asked by SA [] to completely identify [] [] stated that she only knew him by [] and that he was with RUSSELL MEANS.

[] then stated that she had not been in contact with RUSSELL MEANS since October 21, 1975.

DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: Identification Division,
Latent Fingerprint Section
SAC, BUTTE (70-9372) (P)

11/14/75

[redacted] aka:
RUSSELL MEANS. aka: [redacted] aka;
[redacted]
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: Butte

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Rerep of SA [redacted] Butte, 10/28/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three glass fragments;
one Scotch Tape holder, separately wrapped.

On [redacted], authorities, Crow Indian Reservation,
Crow Agency, Montana, reported a burglary of the SUN LODGE
MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana, resulting in the theft of approxi-
mately \$1,300.00 worth of Indian jewelry, consisting of silver
and turquoise rings, necklaces, bracelets, one belt buckle,
and several pieces of beaded Indian jewelry.

Investigation has determined that a green Scotch
Tape holder was removed from the lobby desk and used to break
the glass showcase housing the above-mentioned jewelry; also,
several small fragments of glass which appear to have partial
fingerprints were obtained from inside the showcase.

Subject, RUSSELL MEANS, and several male Indians
were known to have stayed at the motel prior to the burglary.

Subject, [redacted] was observed on
the same day at the Logan International Airport, Billings,
Montana, examining several pieces of jewelry.

[redacted] was in the presence of the other
captioned Subjects, all scheduled to depart from Billings
en route to Denver, Colorado.

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[redacted] 9272-31
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FBI Agents observed airport security searching the luggage belonging to [redacted] as he had attempted to carry this luggage onto the aircraft.

[redacted] then voluntarily opened a section of the luggage and removed from a blue pair of Levis a bracelet and belt buckle, meeting the description of some of the jewelry taken from the SUN LODGE MOTEL earlier that day.

[redacted] was also wearing a choker that had been taken in the burglary.

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Inasmuch as [redacted] was unable to supply information as to where the jewelry had come from, he was arrested and charged with [redacted]

Investigation by the Denver Division has determined that Subject RUSSELL MEANS, while in Denver, gave several pieces of jewelry to [redacted]

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the enclosed evidence, for latent fingerprints and compare with known fingerprints of [redacted] DOE [redacted] and RUSSELL MEANS, FBI #377,277-C, or #877,277-C.

It is requested the Identification Division maintain possession of evidence if latent fingerprints are found in order that they can be compared with other known Subjects in this matter.

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CONTRIBUTOR:
IDENTIFIER (ORI)
NAME
CASE NUMBER (OCA)

SUBJECT:
NAME
STATE NUMBER (SID)

ARRESTED
OR
RECEIVED

C - CHARGE
D - DISPOSITION

11/25/75

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10502)

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (70-0372) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

aka;
RUSSELL MEANS, aka;

[REDACTED] aka;

CIR - BURGLARY
OO: Butte

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Burlington, 11/6/75; and Denver airtel to Butte,
11/6/75.

Enclosed for the Minneapolis and Denver Offices
are six photographs each of jewelry taken in captioned
burglary at San Pedro Hotel; and one photograph each of
Subject [REDACTED]

For the information of Minneapolis and Denver,
Subject [REDACTED] entered plea of not
guilty. Trial set for 12/15/75, at Billings, Montana.

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will display photographs of jewelry to logical
sources to determine if RUSSELL MEANS or associates may be
in possession of such.

- 3 - Minneapolis (Enc. 7) (AM)
- 2 - Denver (70-4534) (Enc. 7) (AM)
- 2 - Butte

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DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will display photographs to Sergeant Denver
PD Intelligence, for identification.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (70-9372) (P)

DATE: 12/17/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]
aka;
RUSSELL MEANS, aka;
[REDACTED] aka;
[REDACTED]
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: Butte

By letter dated 12/9/75, AUSA [REDACTED] Billings, Montana, advised that the indictment against [REDACTED] was dismissed; however, on 12/12/75, AUSA [REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] regarding the dismissal of the indictment against [REDACTED] and AUSA [REDACTED] advised that he had been considering bringing a new indictment against [REDACTED] however, he wanted to await a decision by USDJ JAMES F. BATTIN in regard to prosecuting Indians for specific violations on the Indian Reservations in Montana.

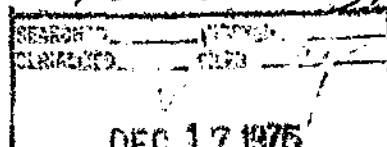
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BUTTE DIVISION

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

Will maintain contact with AUSA [REDACTED] regarding the possibility of filing a new indictment.

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On October 23, 1975, [redacted] of Eimen Rent-All, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that their company, on October 14, 1975, rented a Dodge Van License No. FLT 648 (1975 South Dakota) to French TV T.F.L., 15 Rue Cognacq-Joy, 75007 Paris, France. A French man and lady picked up the van in Sioux Falls and the man signed "CHANNEL" to the rental agreement. Mileage on the van when rented was 25,173. He advised he would notify the FBI when the van returned.

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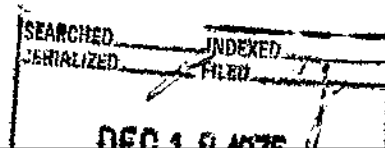
On October 31, 1975, [redacted] employee at Elmen Rent All, 1701 West 12th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, furnished this Agent the keys to a rental van which he advised was turned in the day before by a French couple.

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The van was determined to be a Dodge maxi wagon, yellow in color, bearing 1975 South Dakota license #31T648. Mileage was 28037.

Found in this vehicle and taken by this Agent as possible evidence of a violation of Federal law, were the following items:

- one roll of movie film (developed)
- one map of the State of Montana
- One pamphlet entitled "Custers Battlefield"
- one historical map of the Crow Indian Reservation
- one bag from the "Abourezk's Store", Mission, South Dakota
- eight pieces of paper with French writing on them.



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Interviewed on 10/31/75 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota File # MP 70-10592

by SA [redacted] bz Date dictated 11/6/75

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUTTE (70-9372)

DATE: 12/10/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10592) (P)

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] aka;

[REDACTED]

RUSSELL MEANS, aka;

[REDACTED] aka;

[REDACTED]

CIR - BURGLARY

OO: BUTTE

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Re report of SA [REDACTED] 10/28/75.

Enclosed for Butte are three copies each of and
FD-302 of [REDACTED] and an investigative insert.

On 12/2/75, Lt. [REDACTED], Intelligence,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Police Department, advised RUSSELL
MEANS trial continues at Sioux Falls. He is charged with
rioting and injuring a public building in connection with
a disturbance at the Minnehaha County Courthouse on 4/30/75.
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MEANS and they all live at the Wounded Knee
Offense-Defense Committee Headquarters at 315 East 15th Street,
Sioux Falls.

LEAD

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

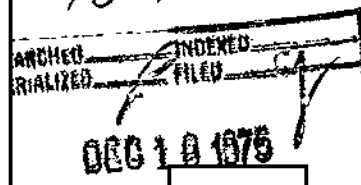
Continue investigation to recover stolen jewelry.

2 - Butte (Enc. 6) ↑

2 - Minneapolis

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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION



YOUR FILE NO. 70-9372

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. B-22172

December 17, 1975

TO: SAC, Butte

RE: [REDACTED] AKA;

CIR [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Letter 11/14/75
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Butte
SPECIMENS: One tape holder with tape
Three glass fragments

One latent impression of value present on one piece of glass.

No latent prints of value present or developed remaining specimens. Latent impression is either a fingerprint or palm print.

Based on information furnished, no record located Identification Division files for Robert Deer Comes Running.

Latent impression not identical fingerprints Russell Means, FBI #877277C. Palm prints not available Identification Division files for Means.

Specimens and your mail wrapper being returned under separate cover.

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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Date: 1/22/76

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, BUTTE (70-9372)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (70-4534)(RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka;

RUSSELL MEANS, aka;

[REDACTED] aka;

[REDACTED]
GIR-BURGLARY

OO: Butte

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Re Butte airtel to Minneapolis, 11/25/75.

On 12/15/75, contact at Denver Police Department Intelligence Detail revealed Sgt. [REDACTED] on vacation until end of December, 1975.

On 1/7/76, Sgt. [REDACTED] Denver Police Department Intelligence Detail was shown photographs of the jewelry taken in captioned burglary. [REDACTED] advised that in view of the fact that he had not seen any suspect jewelry he is unable to identify the jewelry as the jewelry taken in captioned burglary.

For the further information of Butte, Officer

[REDACTED] RUSSELL MEANS, advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RUSSELL MEANS and he has
determined that the [REDACTED]
He determined this by looking at the [REDACTED]

②-Butte (RM)
1-Minneapolis (70-10592)(Info.)(RM)
1-Denver
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

DN 70-4534

In view of the fact no further investigation remains in the Denver Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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REPORTING OFFICE BUTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUTTE	DATE 2/4/76	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/21/75 - 1/5/76
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] aka; RUSSELL MEANS aka; [REDACTED] aka; [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY hgb
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - BURGLARY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], Butte, 10/28/75;
Butte letter to Bureau, 11/14/75.

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[REDACTED] Final Disposition Report for [REDACTED]
being forwarded.

The investigative period of this report pre-dates
that of the last report to include information not available
at time referenced report was prepared.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: BUTTE

Date: 2/4/76

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Field Office File #: 70-9372

Bureau File #: 70-66783

Title: [REDACTED]

RUSSELL MEANS;

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - BURGLARY

Synopsis:

Investigation at Billings and Crow Agency, Montana, has not developed any additional information regarding the burglary of SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, 10/21/75. Investigation at Denver, Colorado, and Sioux City, South Dakota, has met with negative results. On 10/24/75, the FGJ, Billings, Montana, returned an indictment against the Subject [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On 10/28/75, [REDACTED] appeared for arraignment in USDC, Billings, Montana, before USDCJ, and entered plea of not guilty to violation of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Subject released on OR. Trial set for 12/15/75. On 12/11/75, USA's Office, Billings, Montana, advised by letter that case was dismissed on 12/9/75. On 12/15/75, AUSA, Billings, Montana, advised possibility of re-filing a new indictment against the Subject [REDACTED] On 1/5/76, AUSA, Billings, Montana, advised he would not re-file on [REDACTED] or other possible Subjects in this matter, and his office is considering the matter closed. On 1/5/76, Investigator, BIA, Crow Agency, Montana, and COP, Crow Agency, Montana, advised of decision of USA's Office, Billings, Montana.

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DETAILS:

BT #70-9372

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

On October 24, 1975, the facts in this case were presented to the U. S. Federal Grand Jury at Billings, Montana, at which time the Grand Jury returned an indictment against Subject, [redacted] for violation of [redacted]

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On October 28, 1975, [redacted] appeared for arraignment in U. S. District Court, Billings, Montana, before U. S. District Court Judge JAMES F. BATTIN and entered a plea of not guilty to violation of [redacted]

[redacted]. Subject was released on his own recognizance. Trial date was set for December 15, 1975.

On December 11, 1975, the U. S. Attorney's Office, Billings, Montana, advised by letter that this matter was dismissed on December 9, 1975, as it had been found that the SUN LODGE MOTEL where the burglary had taken place, is wholly owned by Indians and thus, [redacted] and other possible subjects in this case could only be charged for crimes as specified in [redacted] therefore, the indictment against [redacted] was dismissed along with any possible indictments against other Subjects.

On December 15, 1975, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Billings, Montana, advised he was considering the possibility of re-filing a new indictment against [redacted]

On January 5, 1975, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Billings, Montana, advised he would not re-file on the Subject, [redacted] or other possible Subjects in this matter, and that his office is considering this matter closed.

On January 5, 1976, [redacted] Investigator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Crow Agency, Montana, and JOSEPH ST. PIERRE, Chief of Police, Crow Agency, Montana, were advised of the decision made by the U. S. Attorney's Office, Billings, Montana.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10592)
FROM: SAC, BUTTE (70-9372) *e*
SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;
RUSSELL MEANS, aka;
[redacted] aka;
[redacted]
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: Butte

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Reurlet to Butte, 12/10/75.

The USA's Office, Billings, Montana, has declined prosecution in this matter.

No further investigation being conducted in this matter.

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1 - Butte

[redacted] hgb

(3) *[signature]*



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUTTE (70-9372)

FROM : *Wan* SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10592) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka;

DATE: 2/5/76

RUSSELL MEANS, aka;
[REDACTED] aka;
[REDACTED]
CIR-BURGLARY
OO: BUTTE

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Reference Minneapolis letter to Butte dated 12/10/75.

Photographs of jewelry taken in captioned burglary have been displayed to logical sources in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with negative results. RUSSELL MEANS was convicted of rioting in local court in Sioux Falls, and [REDACTED] is presently being tried rioting in Sioux Falls.

All logical investigation has been conducted at Sioux Falls, and this case is being considered RUC.

2 - Butte
1 - Minneapolis
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Date

11/18/75

Title and Character of Case

[redacted] aka;

ROBBIE MEANS aka;

[redacted] aka;

GIR - BURGLARY

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

10/21/75

Crime scene investigation

10/30/75

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Billings, RA

evidence

BUTTE BULLKIN

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- One green, metal scotch holder;
- Three small pieces of clear glass, taken from [redacted] case, Sun Lodge Motel, Crow Agency, Montana *destroyed* [redacted]

Item A returned

Sept 2, 1976

James E. T. Jones

SA [redacted]

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

to Bu 11/9/75 Ret'd 1/2/76

CONSOLIDATED

Date *11/77* Initials *LC*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 12/17/75

TO: SAC, Butte
(70-9372)

Re:

ET AL.;
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Invoice of Contents

One tape holder with tape
Three glass fragments
Mail wrapper

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All items listed above are contained in this package. A detailed description of items will be found in Bureau communication dated

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